

Numbers 4:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service: and by name ye shall reckon the instruments of the charge of their burden.

Analysis

The comprehensive list—bars, pillars, sockets, and all instruments—shows that the Merarites bore responsibility for every component of the tabernacle's framework. The specific mention of 'all their instruments' indicates that even the tools for assembly were consecrated for this purpose. This reflects the Reformed understanding that all of life is to be lived coram Deo (before the face of God), with even our tools and methods dedicated to His service.

Historical Context

The bars held the boards together, the pillars supported the courtyard hangings, and the sockets provided the foundation. Each element was precisely crafted according to the pattern God showed Moses on the mountain, ensuring the tabernacle's structure matched its heavenly archetype.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the consecration of even tools and instruments inform our approach to work and daily life?
2. What does the precision of the tabernacle's framework teach about God's attention to detail?
3. In what ways should our methods and means reflect our commitment to God's glory?

Interlinear Text

וְעַמּוּדֵי	הַחֹצֵר	סָבִיב	וְאַדְנִיָּהֶם	וְיִתְדֵיהֶם
And the pillars	of the court	round about	and their sockets	and their pins
H5982	H2691	H5439	H134	H3489
וּמִיִּתְרֵיהֶם	לְכָל	כְּלֵי	וְלֹכֶל	עֲבֹדָתָם
and their cords		the instruments		and with all their service
H4340	H3605	H3627	H3605	H5656
וּבִשְׁמֵהֶם	תִּפְקֹדוּ	אֶת	כְּלֵי	מִשְׁמֶהֶם
and by name	ye shall reckon		the instruments	of the charge
H8034	H6485	H853	H3627	H4931
				וּמִשְׁאָמָם
				of their burden
				H4853

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 38:21 (Parallel theme): This is the sum of the tabernacle, even of the tabernacle of testimony, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son to Aaron the priest.